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Mr. David Barstow
42 Stephen Street
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Dear Mr. Barstow:

Enclosed is an interim release of material in response to your April 28, 2006, Freedom of Information Act request, as modified by your letter dated February 13, 2007.

The United States Central Command (USCENTCOM), has provided the enclosed 331 pages as responsive to your request.

Major General Thomas L. Moore, Jr., an Initial Denial Authority for USCENTCOM, has determined that some of the redacted information is exempt from release because it is currently and properly classified in accordance with Executive Order 12958, as amended, Section 1.4(a), concerning military plans, weapons or operations, (b), concerning foreign government information, (d), concerning foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States, including confidential sources and (g), concerning vulnerabilities or capability of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans or protection services relating to national security, which includes defense against transnational terrorism. Also, some information has been withheld because it solely concerns USCENTCOM's internal rules and practices which, if released, would risk circumvention of USCENTCOM's mission. Additionally, portions of the withheld information are specifically exempted by 10 U.S.C. § 130b, which applies to personally identifiable information of personnel in overseas, sensitive or routinely deployable positions. Other deleted information exempt from release pertains to certain inter- or intra-agency communications protected by the deliberative process privilege. Finally, some information is withheld because release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of individuals. The redacted information under this exemption consists primarily of personally identifying information of Department of Defense (DoD) personnel. It has been DoD policy to withhold lists of names and other personally identifying information of DoD personnel since the President declared a national emergency following the terrorist attacks on the United States in 2001. Consequently, this information is denied pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), (b)(2)(high), (b)(3), (b)(5) and (b)(6).

In Mr. McCraw's February 26, 2008, letter you requested photographs of the military analysts taken during briefs or official visits by DoD photographers. A search of the record systems maintained by USCENTCOM and the United States Southern Command revealed no records responsive to your request.

Because of the large size of the enclosed file, we are providing the information to you on the enclosed compact disk.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Will Kammer".

Will Kammer
Chief

Enclosures:
As stated